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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: DD/R Comments on JCS/DOD
Contingency Study

It is understood that political aspects and the intentions of the U. S. Government are being covered by elements of DD/L. Therefore, the recommended paragraph below addresses itself to the objective of the subject study which appears to be continued surveillance of Cuba after a U-2 is fired upon.

In the event of the loss of a U-2 over Cuba and the intention of the U. S. Government to react immediately it is highly problematical that detailed knowledge of the exact cause of the incident or the political reasoning behind the incident will be known. Therefore, the initial problem is to continue to obtain intelligence information through reconnaissance flights. To fulfill this requirement authority must be obtained to operate U-2 aircraft equipped with [redacted] equipment. Aircraft so equipped are on standby for this mission at all times and could be moved into place to allow a mission the day following an incident.

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